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51 civilians killed in
Israeli bombing raid**

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next year, says Comelec**



By Marlene Rivera
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**RP hospitals cash in
on medical tourism**

By Christine V. Espinoza
AT A MIDDLE-CLASS HOSPITAL IN QUEZON
City, a bony Micronesian and a Filipino walk in,
both wearing white lab coats. In the Philippine Medical Tourism Program,
the foreigner is automatically accorded a
"full-scale" work-up. MRI, CT scan, 8 days and
a battery of laboratory tests.
PHOTOGRAPH BY JIM

Bishop slams GMA picture of economy

**Cites lack
of jobs,
heavy debt
servicing**

By Christine V. Espinoza

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo, who painted a rosy economic picture in her sixth State of the Nation Address (Sona) last week, yesterday got a lesson in economics from a Roman Catholic bishop.

"A country can have growth without development and that is exactly what is happening in the Philippines," said Bishop Antonio Tolosa, who wasn't buying the administration's self-proclaimed measurement of a rising gross national product.

Tolosa noted that much of the so-called development was due to "more loans, expenditures, salaries, loans, 'bureaucracy,' drugs, smuggling, golf clubs, high-rise condos, real estate, tourist resorts, memorial parks and supermarkets, logging and extracting more minerals—depleting our natural resources at a rate faster than we can replace them."

The bishop said that the Arroyo's "field of dreams" such as the creation of "super regions" and the construction of airports, ports, railways, bridges and highways across the country also drive critical concerns from poor



IN HARM'S WAY

Bighorn takes a closer look at where Pk. Mayor's love affair has reached the Bongo Gulf just beyond the GMA-radio permanent danger zone around the volcano. Volcanologists say that during a major eruption, lava will reach the periphery of the danger zone in two to three days. (See story on Page A2.)

OFWs fear Filipino casualties in southern Lebanon

By Nikko Dacan

THEY ARE HOME AND HAPPY TO be able to forget what might have happened to other Filipinos they had left behind.

Philippine government officials insisted they had no reports of any casualties among the overseas Filipino workers (OFWs)

trapped in Lebanon but several workers in the Middle East who returned yesterday said they were not sure that others might not have made it to safety.

One returned said Hezbollah militants apparently were preventing officials from going into the beleaguered areas in Lebanon to look for casualties, and that no

one had actually dug into the rubble to retrieve bodies.

John Paul Rodriguez, 31, told the Inquirer that he thought some Filipinos might "have been killed, especially in Saida where there are a lot of Filipino domestic workers."

But Rodriguez couldn't say for sure.

"It's difficult to confirm if there

were Filipino casualties," he said. "Saida is now like a ghost town. If there are Filipino officials who'd go there to check, the Hezbollah militants would stop them."

Retrieved was among 50 Filipinos, including a 6-year-old boy, who arrived on Qatar Airways Flight 648.

Retrieved worked as a chef in a

restaurant in Beirut and arrived as an evacuee to Philippine port Agaña, Palawan, at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Manila, a religious center in Beirut. He also carried special order Roy Clausen when the latter flew into Lebanon.

—Gladys Riquelme, 24, and the

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Sona shows chinks in GMA armor

By Amanda Donatelli

(Part 2 of two parts)
THE POLITICAL MAP OF THE country has been drastically redrawn since the 2004 election. The 2006 State of the Nation Address (Sona) reveals the extent of this geopolitical change.

As we approach the 2007 mid-term elections, the Sona reveals, among other things, President Macapagal-Arroyo's real base of power, her own coalition, the values defining her regime, the issues that constitute her weaknesses, and the terrain on which next year's electoral battle will be fought.

Equally important, the Sona shows a glaring spotlight on the increasingly stark, unbridgeable state of the opposition in Congress as well as the incapacitated state of the civil society-driven opposition movement, which has neither an institutional base nor a cohesive program that could pull their fragmented ranks together.

This means that there are few

effective checks and balances on the executive or abuse of presidential powers, except from an Independent Supreme Court. This is ominous for representative democracy.

This real map provides the themes for the re-examination of possible developments in the coming months of the election campaign that was effectively launched by the Sona on July 24.

■ **Ms. Arroyo's real power base.** The President appeared to have emerged stronger than she was two years ago after she had defused all attempts to depose her. This has allowed her to engage in triumphant breast-thumping in the Sona. The sound of this amplified political invincibility is now deafening because the enemy is hollow.

Ms. Arroyo survived because she fell back on the extraordinary powers of the presidency. Consequently, her administration has won on the executive mandate of



REBECCA Narvasa (right), the Filipino flight attendant on Philippine Airlines' first flight across the Pacific 60 years ago, poses with colleagues.

A smile as memorable as historic PAL flight

By Nikko Dacan

ANY STORY ABOUT THE history of Philippine civil aviation would not be complete without the memory of her smile.

Rebecca Narvasa was the only Filipino and lone flight attendant on the first flight of Philippine Airlines (PAL) across the Pacific 60 years ago today.

As the flight attendant of that historic DC-4 journey, Narvasa then became a pioneer in what has become one of the most popular, in-demand and well-paying jobs today.

Not nothing much is known about Narvasa, except for the recent details the airline passed up to put together through the years.

That smile might have been one of the things that inspired a PAL design team later selecting Narvasa as "Center of the friendly skies."

On that July 31, 1946, flight were just other crew members—40 Americans, including the two pilots.

Following Narvasa, at least has close relatives, for the 60th anniversary of PAL's first crossing of the Pacific to the United States was an unbridled, asking wish of the people who organized the celebration this year.

For them, the anniversary of the first flight of a local airline to the United States would have been an excellent chance to give her recognition to Narvasa and her service to PAL.

Moreover, an account from Narvasa of her experience as a pioneering Filipino flight attendant would have been a remarkable addition to the history of the airline.

A SMILE AS

Palace sets shorter work hours for GMA

By Christine O. Rosendahl

EFFECT: A MORE HEALTHY lifestyle work schedule for President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo begins today.

After falling ill earlier in the month, President Arroyo's schedule will remain to be scaled down from the average eight to 10 meetings per week daily, but that of staff Michael Delmonico said yesterday.

"It will be reduced and within the limits of an active person," said Delmonico, who is in charge of the President's work schedule, in exclusive interview.

4 meetings a day

If he had his way, he said, the President's appointments and meetings would be limited to four a day.

On her first day at work today, after she caught the flu and was hospitalized for a couple of days, the President's engagements would be limited to three meetings, all of them in Malacañang, Delmonico said.

"So she could have time to rest," he said.

The Palace has revealed President Arroyo's attendance at the opening today of the 195 Malacañang in Manila Bay City Vice President Neil de Castro is still in standing in his bed.

De Castro is also expected to

meet in his the President at a meeting of the "tagapagpasi" at her today.

As for the rest of the week, the President's schedule appointments are expected to be cancelled or limited given the continuing bad weather, Delmonico said.

Killer schedule

Following her discharge from St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City on Saturday, the President's doctor advised her to get more rest and to work in a 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. work schedule.

The President was also hospitalized last month after she was pinned at stomach pain. She was diagnosed with acute inflammation of the stomach, which her physician, Manuel, on her "killer work schedule."

Delmonico pointed to those who would like to see the President work longer hours to continue their interaction with the White House.

"I would like to appeal to all our allies who would like to see the President to come to us their relations so we can work out her schedule," he said.

Asked if he thought the President would accept a more work schedule, Delmonico said "She realizes that this will not only affect her but the nation and the people... I am confident with this kind of schedule."

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US backs RP defense plan, says official

FIRO DEL PILAR, BAGUIO CITY—UNITED States Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill said his country was looking forward to strengthening a defense relation plan being implemented by the Philippines, which is expected to attract the chairmanship of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Hill, who spoke before Philippine Military Academy cadets here yesterday, said the military schools in the Philippines are "very strong" compared to the [Armed] forces of the Philippines' commitment to counterterrorism and regional peace. "We are proud to be a part of it,"

Of significant importance to the global economy, he said, was how almost 130 member-states would combine their respective armed forces to respond to various regional crises, as the UN Security Council and operations.

I think what we'd like to do more (in Asia) is ... more cross-fertilizing exercises on natural disasters. We found, for example, in the massive earthquake zone of Asia in Indonesia that they were very hard to reach so we'd like to see whether scientists can work more closely to enhance awareness in the region. (2004, p. 10)

He also said reports that the UK will soon abandon North Korea's development of nuclear weapons and testing of missiles as a key to its changing East Asia.

He said the issue was discussed during the July 23-26 Asian Regional Forum in Kuala Lumpur, after North Korea's announcing of long-range missile on July 5 ignited intense

Still was named head of the US delegation to the six-party talks devoted to resolving the North Korean standoff in February last year. He is in close touch with US Ambassador Kim Sora, my wife was honored with a parade and a show-off ceremony by the MDA, today.

In his speech, FBI said, "This is an important year for America and a very important year for the Philippines as well." Moore-Carmichael and Frank Chavira, PHN Executive Liaison, have



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Benin	10,000,000	112,000 sq. km	Cotonou	French	50% Christian
Burkina Faso	10,000,000	274,000 sq. km	Ouagadougou	French	50% Christian
Burundi	7,000,000	27,800 sq. km	Gitega	French	70% Christian
Cameroon	15,000,000	475,000 sq. km	Yaounde	French	40% Christian
Cote d'Ivoire	15,000,000	322,000 sq. km	Abidjan	French	40% Christian
DRC	50,000,000	2,345,000 sq. km	Kinshasa	French	50% Christian
Egypt	70,000,000	1,001,000 sq. km	Cairo	Arabic	90% Muslim
Ethiopia	60,000,000	1,104,000 sq. km	Addis Ababa	Amharic	60% Christian
Ghana	18,000,000	239,000 sq. km	Accra	English	40% Christian
Guinea	8,000,000	245,000 sq. km	Conakry	French	40% Muslim
Guinea-Bissau	1,500,000	11,200 sq. km	Bissau	Portuguese	40% Muslim
Kenya	25,000,000	225,000 sq. km	Nairobi	English	40% Christian
Liberia	3,000,000	111,000 sq. km	Monrovia	English	40% Christian
Madagascar	16,000,000	592,000 sq. km	Antananarivo	French	40% Christian
Mali	12,000,000	1,240,000 sq. km	Bamako	French	50% Muslim
Morocco	28,000,000	446,000 sq. km	Rabat	Arabic	98% Muslim
Mozambique	18,000,000	309,000 sq. km	Maputo	Portuguese	40% Christian
Niger	12,000,000	1,267,000 sq. km	Niamey	French	50% Muslim
Nigeria	120,000,000	923,000 sq. km	Abuja	English	40% Muslim
Rwanda	7,000,000	26,300 sq. km	Kigali	French	40% Christian
Senegal	10,000,000	76,000 sq. km	Dakar	French	40% Muslim
Sierra Leone	4,000,000	71,000 sq. km	Freetown	English	40% Muslim
Sudan	30,000,000	1,861,000 sq. km	Khartoum	Arabic	98% Muslim
Tanzania	35,000,000	945,000 sq. km	Dar es Salaam	Swahili	40% Muslim
Togo	5,000,000	56,000 sq. km	Lome	French	40% Christian
Tunisia	9,000,000	163,000 sq. km	Tunis	Arabic	98% Muslim
Zambia	7,000,000	354,000 sq. km	Lusaka	English	40% Christian
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2012	Automotive	General Motors	Chevrolet	\$17,000	120,000	\$2,040,000	\$360,000
2013	Automotive	General Motors	Chevrolet	\$18,000	130,000	\$2,340,000	\$390,000
2014	Automotive	General Motors	Chevrolet	\$19,000	140,000	\$2,660,000	\$420,000
2015	Automotive	General Motors	Chevrolet	\$20,000	150,000	\$3,000,000	\$450,000
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DepEd eyes return of nat'l screening test to hike quality of college grads

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DepEd) is trying to return the national screening test for graduating high school students who want to enter college, similar to the defunct National College Entrance Examination (NCEE).

Education Secretary Armin Llapas said after his meeting on Friday that the test would be aimed at addressing the decline in the quality of college graduates.

"I would also hope, he said, high school students determine what to take up in college as the test would measure their skills and aptitude for particular courses."

"Not all who want to enter college can actually enter college," Llapas said.

He said he would like to "test exposure" of vocational and technical courses among students in the basic education system (elementary and high school).

"We want to tell them not to put out too much money and train their eyes only on a college education. We want to open their eyes to other opportunities," he said.

None of the time, students might choose their parents want them to take, but what is not known is that taking technical and vocational courses can lead you to higher paying jobs," he added.

In an earlier press conference, CHED chair Carlos Poma said the agency would up high school guidance counselors to give students and their parents answers on what courses the university could take in college based on the results of the screening test.

He said many students enroll in nursing and information communication technology (ICT) courses because these are in great demand abroad.

"They need to determine where they will work because the market for popular jobs right now will be saturated after some years," Poma said.

CHED and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda) began implementing this school year a half-century system of education in about 168 higher learning institutions around the country.

The scheme would enable students to enroll in vocational courses which could be continued in college degree courses. *—Jesse Reyes*

'Leak won't hurt nurses' prospects'

By Lela B. Salaverda

AMONG THE CHANGING CERTAINLY over the leak of exam questions for the nursing board exams, the chance of Filipino nurses finding work abroad might not be seriously affected, according to the nursing workers group Mayamur Nurses' Union.

Mayamur chair Grace Regalado-Regalado said nurses applying to work in other countries usually look after tests before they were hired and their employment usually depends on the results of their tests.

"There are other reasons than applicants take. Whether or not they are hired by other countries depends on their skills and capability to qualify," Regalado said in a phone interview.

The Philippines sends many nurses to other countries, including the United States, the United Kingdom and the Middle East.

Regalado also opposed the decision of the Board of Nursing to postpone the Aug. 22 start-up of the 17,000 successful examinees while the exam took controversy remained unresolved.

"It's unfair to the innocent examinees who passed the exam that they would not be able to practice their profession," she said.

She said postponing the start-up would affect the graduates' plans.

"The call, down their dreams of working jobs that they could provide for their families," she said.

She called on the accountable examinees to speak up and defend their right to practice their profession.

But Regalado also said that while the start-up should push through, the investigation into the leak should continue and those responsible be punished accordingly.

The University of the Philippines College of Nursing had earlier sought the postponement of the start-up, saying that going ahead with a start-up involving the controversy would cast doubt on the successful examinees' integrity and competence.

The controversy arose after nursing graduates in Regalado City complained about the alleged leakage of exam questions to students of a particular nursing center. The R. S. Capistrano Center subsequently denied any involvement in the leakage.



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only of PMA, but of local civil aviation as well.

Quinsua would be around 85 years old today.

At that age, she would have a lot of stories to tell, said Assistant Commandant, editor of PMA magazine, JPLA.

Quinsua himself seems to be a willing repository of historical data and facts about PMA and Philippine civil aviation history, and with his wealth of knowledge gained from research, he has done as the PMA Heritage Library the National Library and the LRT Library among other libraries.

But to Quinsua, PMA has become an ideal home.

"The most recent information for me, and this was a few years ago, was that the war supposedly being in the US," Quinsua told the Inquirer.

Horship passengers

PMA, chartered by Air Right to the United States from a company called Trans Ocean, after a dark night in the US, PMA's flight presented US flight both willing to the Philippines to pick up American soldiers.

There were not enough 12 planes and ships then to transport the American back home.

"The flight was an accident the crew that included Quinsua, and for the passengers consisting of some 10 American soldiers eager to go home with the end of World War II."

The US-4, a regular military aircraft, was not known for military passengers as on what were called "back to back" as a common mode of transport.

4-foot-tall beauty

According to PMA, the plane "could not carry over 200,000 lbs per hour at cruising speed, by comparison, and could not fly higher than 35,000 ft."

Quinsua, believed to be just a few feet tall, not only made sure the



PHOTO: PMA Her smile and her determination made Air Right memorable to this day.

passengers were comfortable during the flight, she also cooked meals "when food lines came in time."

"She also had to keep the crew very close, not a pleasant task when the passengers became anxious," PMA said in its media release.

At that time, which began some 10 years ago, Quinsua said.

But today the 12 soldiers from helicopters and planes during the war?

41-hour flight

"No, they did not see for 41 hours with just four stopovers," Quinsua said.

Quinsua was also on the flight that returned to Manila, but this time, thankfully, there were no passengers on board.

Laughing, Quinsua said that if he ever met Quinsua, he would not bother to ask her some nagging questions like "Did any pilots come too?"

"It's common these days, you know," Quinsua quipped.

Time of reconstruction

If anything, Quinsua joined the flight, a flight attendant



"THE CROSSING THE PACIFIC" made the headlines 68 years ago of a newspaper held by (from left) General Quinsua, Philippine Airlines president and chief operating officer (CFO) Gen. PMA, Phil and steel aircrafts officer and General Quinsua, acting commandant of the US Embassy.

could be a career at a time when the main concern in the Philippines was the reconstruction after the war, Quinsua said.

"It was July 1946, the year responsible has just been established and passed independence by the Americans. It was a time of reconstruction, literally, rebuilding their homes and their treatment was on top of their minds," Quinsua said.

Being a flight attendant was an American influence, he added.

At that time, then 35, Quinsua, a Spaniard who became an American citizen, would meet around the flight attendants.

"Quinsua or some American girls would see a number and ask but if he would be interested in because a flight attendant is wasn't for him to apply," Quinsua said.

Price in a beauty pageant

Soon, becoming a flight attendant became a profession, its much as that, Quinsua said, he dis-

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liked, he's continued to make a name in the private sector while creating business success.

The initial procedure alone could easily cost nearly \$20,000 for the microcosm and others built, like him who are vulnerable to lower birth rates.

The Filipino private, meanwhile, under his on-line which could cost him around \$100,000. Whenever he breaks his bank will have to be determined the old-fashioned—and temporary—way. A physical exam and laboratory history.

It's not that Filipino doctors discontinue against their companies. It's just that in the first instance, the building PMA is still a question of where get the money.

"It's a very short cut. That's why we're working hard to bridge the gap," Health Undersecretary Jada del Mundo, the government's point man in the program, told the Inquirer in an interview.

Inches 11 private hospitals involved in the program have committed to allocate 10 percent of their bed capacity for indigent patients, and their price is no less than \$100.

Still, it's a long way to go before the government could actually cover the emerging cost of poor Filipinos not getting the same level of medical treatment as non-indigent foreigners in their own country.

Generates more revenue

The Manila-based and the goal is to generate enough revenue to pay up a fund exclusively for charity cases.

Since last year, he said, the program has earned gross revenue of \$125 million, already half of the projected \$250 million savings in 2007.

He said the country last year was behind top Asian players like Thailand, which earned \$1.1 billion, India, \$880 million, and Singapore, \$800 million.

From all indicators, ordinary Filipino patients are in much in

some of money in their foreign countries. Microcosm, for instance, reportedly enjoy a health insurance package worth \$1 million.

"That's what enables them to enjoy the full potential of our health system," explained one doctor.

Around 50,000 foreigners, most of them from Germany, Spain, France, the Netherlands, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, the United States, China, Japan and Malaysia, have enjoyed the health medical tourism program, according to Quinsua.

Discrepancy

They've been commemorated in 10 hospitals, including non-profit ones such as the Manila General Hospital, Cardinal Santos Memorial Medical Center, Ateneo Medical Center, University of the East Hospital, Taguig Hospital of Science, and the San Juan Medical Center.

One doctor told a look at the private hospital would show the discrepancy between the number of local and foreign patients.

One doctor has an unusually more efficient air-conditioning system and another compared to the other floors. It's exclusively for foreign patients who are accorded "five-star" treatment.

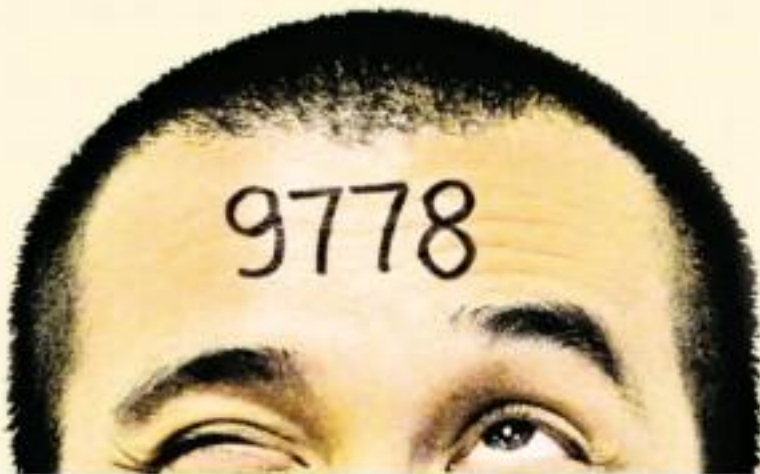
Unlike local patients whose beds are served, implant or dissection plans, doctors are diligent in served on hot plates, explain with parents.

Doctors and nurses are also attracted to be "faster and more efficient" to serve their needs, says a Microcosm spokesperson of a name enough to his hospital rate, the doctor said.

"Usually doctors work in only if the blood pressure is low, if there's difficulty breathing, or chest pain," he said. "That's because they really have to prioritize considering the many patients that they have to attend to."

In the case of foreigners, they have to attend to "whatever the complaint is."

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But as in the case of former Mexican Communications Minister Cuatrecasas, who was caught on tape talking to Mr. KERRY at the height of the controversy of votes in 2004, the opposition "just wanted to hear his [Cuatrecasas'] side, but instead of explaining his way," Cuatrecasas said.

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HAZARDING of the Light Rail Transit Line 1 jumping the tracks and run for safety after a "blat" hit one of the coaches in yesterday's evacuation drill. In 2005, a bomb went off in one of the LRT coaches, killing scores of people and leaving many more injured.

LRT conducts evacuation drill

By Margaux C. Ortiz

A REPS EVACUATION DRILL WAS HELD yesterday at the General Station of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Line 1 to test personnel preparedness in case of a bombing incident. Around 200 LRT personnel, 30000 Civilian, 100 policemen from the National Capital Region Police Office, 30000 and 30000 LRT employees participated in the drill.

Light Rail Transit Security Administration (LRTSA) and the station is closed in the proper implementation of the evacuation drill during a bombing attack.

"There was general panic during the bombing incident about six years ago, affecting the normal operations and leaving most of the critically injured without prop-

er medical attention," Robles said.

On Dec. 30, 2000, at least 45 people were killed by a bomb that slipped through the fence south of the LRT Line 1 as the train stopped at the Marikina station.

Robles said yesterday's drill emphasized the separation of victims who sustained no injuries from those with severe injuries. "The more severely injured victims would be given to the victims who need it most," he added.

A mock explosion signaled the start of the drill and loudly ringing bells sent train handlers immediately securing the area to check for other explosives. After the area was declared safe, medical teams were sent in to treat the "wounded" and to provide trauma care for other "victims."

PNP exams' passing rate hits 15-year low

By Tere V. Quintanilla

FROM A LOW OF 4.71 PERCENT LAST year, the number of candidates who passed the police entrance examination last year further dipped to 3.02 percent.

National Police Commission (NPC) chair Ramaldo Pano, however, took a positive view of the low results—the lowest passing rate in 15 years since the creation of the police commission in the Philippine National Police in 1991.

"The lowest passing rate in both exams may be attributed to the NPC's continuous upgrading of standards in its police examination in line with its national effort to re-

formulate the PNP by ensuring that only the best and most qualified individuals are admitted and promoted in the police service," Pano said in a statement.

This year, only 3,083 out of 48,696 who took either the test to enter the PNP or the qualification exam for promotion in the same rank in May passed.

Last year, only 3,815 of some 39,044 examinees made the cut.

Maglino's record showed that 2,300 examinees, or 4.58 percent of 26,203 applicants passed the PNP entrance test.

A two-year exam tested the applicants' knowledge in the following areas: General Information such as basic

knowledge of the government and Constitution, the PNP Law and the criminal justice system, verbal reasoning which covered grammar, reading comprehension and vocabulary, problem solving and logical reasoning.

On the other hand, 733 officers out of 13,694 passed the professional tests that probed them on police administration, operational procedures, rules and ethics, Philippine law and jurisprudence, developments in the criminal justice system and current controversies.

The results of the exams have been posted on the NPC's office on 1200 Pinar Street in Manila City and on the NPC's website at www.npc.gov.ph.

QC gov't says antiflood drive a success

By CJ Yap

IN THE AFTERMATH OF TYPHOON Ondoy's wrath, the Quezon City government has declared its campaign to prevent flash floods a success.

City officials posted themselves on the back after the "furry flood" past year's typhoon in the city's drainage system, and subsequently keeping the city virtually flood-free.

"The entire city remained free of floodwaters despite days of heavy downpours brought about by typhoons, particularly Ondoy," a state-

ment from the city's public affairs and information services office read.

Mayor Isko Hara, part of the disaster preparedness program recently initiated by Quezon City Mayor Francisco Beltramo Jr., said for the massive cleanup of waterways, including "various" canals and creeks.

As early as summer, Isko's office directed the city's Environmental Protection and Waste Management Department, Strategic Operations Center and engineering department to clean drainage canals.

According to PAMC's Chief Executive Officer, all 34 of the city's waterways

have already been dredged to 100 percent.

He said the city government made a long-term solution to the threat of floods which is only partly alleviated by drainage cleaning operations.

One solution is the installation of siphons to force sewage bridges and other areas near bodies of water to prevent flood dumping of wastes, he said.

The PAMC has installed the critical areas that are prone to flooding and has assigned some 20 staff members and volunteers to continue with drainage efforts to educate people about proper waste management, Isko added.

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Marvelous Manalo gets crack at P18-M prize

STILL, DUADEY? ACCURATE and to the point, despite a bleeding heart, Marlon Manalo on Saturday arranged a championship clash with German ace Thorsten Hohmann for the \$350,000 (about P18.3 million) top prize in the International Pool Tour-North American 8-ball championship in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Manalo, whose father Carlo passed away on the eve of the two-matched tournament, edged his five-hour run in the final 6 for the first championship match since and a first in one of the nation's elite in professional pool at the Flamingo Las Vegas.

"I believe my father is here with me right now," the 30-year-old Manalo said in Filipino in an emotional call yesterday. "His memory has been by inspiration in this tournament."

He topped up with a 4-1 record in the round-robin phase after losing his last match, 1-4, to Hohmann in a match the German needed to win in order to avoid the complication of a tie with fellow Filipino, Dennis Oxtoby.

Hohmann, a British World 8-ball champion, also finished with a 4-1 record, but lost his last match to the 32-year-old Oxtoby.



Marlon Manalo has his sights on a pool's richest prize.

Legendary three-time World 8-ball champion in 1981, 8, and 9, Oxtoby is also a former 8-ball world champion. He has a 4-1 record in the round-robin phase, but lost his last match to the 32-year-old Oxtoby.

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Income tax take up 14% in first 6 months

By Michelle K. Bane

THE GOVERNMENT'S INCOME TAX collection rose 14 percent over the first six months of the year, but fell short of its goal.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue earlier explained that the shortfall in income tax collection was due to the slow start of many corporate taxpayers in submitting returns, and that 14 percent of income tax was not collected in the first six months.

Despite optimism from the last year, which said the previous 10 percent corporate income tax rate in the Philippines was already one of the highest in Asia, the government failed through with its promise to increase corporate income tax rate to 30 percent in the first six months of the year.

The 30 percent corporate income tax rate was a major promise of the USF-Bureau

P181-B collection still short of target

Last June, the uncollected tax revenues, states that the corporate income tax should be at 35 percent until 2008 and should be reduced to 30 percent by 2009.

Fiscal officials said the short-term goal of collecting higher taxes would result in gains in the medium to long-term as improved revenue collection would help fund the government's spending for social services.

According to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), the P181.04 billion in income tax collection in the first half, P181.04 billion was accounted for by the tax imposed on corporate taxpayers.

Corporate income tax collection in the first half fell 11 percent from the P172.23 billion collected in the same period last year. It was, however, 6 per-

cent above the P162.12 billion paid by individual taxpayers in the first half, according to P163.13 billion of the total income tax collection for the first six months. It reflected a 3.1 percent growth from the P158.43 billion collected in the same period last year, but was one percent lower than the goal of P163.81 billion.

The Department of Finance, lead agency of the BIR, said it ordered a reevaluation of all tax codes to ensure that in combination to address important issues facing the country.

For credit, any earned from a taxpayer's right to collect taxes on payments to others in the tax system.

The tax system is still in the process of being re-evaluated. The BIR is working on the tax system to ensure that it is fair and equitable. The BIR is also working on the tax system to ensure that it is efficient and effective.

THE GOVERNMENT'S REACTION TO GLOBALIZATION is a key factor in the country's economic growth. The government is working to attract foreign investment and to improve the country's infrastructure. The government is also working to improve the country's education system and to improve the country's health care system.

Deliberate choices

When the government decided to raise the tax on cigarette, it was a deliberate choice. The government is working to improve the country's revenue and to improve the country's infrastructure. The government is also working to improve the country's education system and to improve the country's health care system.

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The ruling is scheduled to be reviewed by the 10-9 decision, after the 10-9 decision was made. The 10-9 decision was made in November 2005, and was made by the 10-9 decision.

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Revival of people's car program sought

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By Richard W. Cummings

A GROUP OF LOCAL ARTS AND CRAFTS MAKERS called on the government and other members of the automotive sector to revive the people's car program until a continued stimulus in the auto sector.

Isiwanan Torres, chairwoman of the Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturers Association of the Philippines, said in a statement the sector needed a boost considering that the assembly of completely-broken-down kits had been disturbing an importation of completely built units had been going.

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The total sales of the automotive parts industry's performance peaked in 1998 when 341,000 QCRs were submitted and sold locally. This accounted for 87 percent of the total 142,000 vehicles sold by the industry that year.

WVPAAP data show that CBO sales have grown from only 8,200 units in 1998 to 29,300 units in 2005.

At the same time, Evans said sales growth may decrease next year because of that.

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Abstract—The purpose of this study was to determine if there were differences in the prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders among different types of jobs. The study included 1000 employees from various industries. Data were collected through self-reported questionnaires. Results showed that the prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders was higher among those working in physically demanding jobs compared to those in less physically demanding jobs.

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Eddie Garcia, ageless icon

By Leticia Zaleska

IN AN INDUSTRY OF TIM-can careers, tired formulas and short shrifts, Eddie Garcia defies easy definition. Widely known as an actor, he is however more than that; he is also a director, perhaps the most commercially successful of Filipino directors in the highly commercial 1980s, an establishment figure who is however a great supporter of independent cinema, a photographer, a ladies' man and an icon.

By the sheer number of movies he has acted in (more than 200), the sheer number of acting awards he has won (six Famosa Best Supporting Actor, five Famosa Best Actor), the Famosa Hall of Fame (one of those just to put him out of the running and give others the chance to act), and the sheer number of nominations he has made (winning an acting award in his career), Eddie Garcia is arguably the most successful actor in Philippine movie history.

The 85-year-old Garcia will be given

The 85-year-old actor will receive the Natinang Gawad for multiple achievements as actor, director and icon during the 29th Gawad Urian this week

the Natinang Gawad for lifetime achievement by the Manunipig ng Pambansa Pilipinas on Aug. 31 during the 29th Gawad Urian. Garcia is cited by the Manunipig for his multiple achievements as an actor, director and all-around icon in the Philippine film industry. He is likewise cited for his versatility and integrity, qualities that have made him defy the ups and downs of show business.

The Manunipig is also citing Garcia for his lifelong support of young and aspiring filmmakers by agreeing to play



With Christopher de Leon and Dennis Tito in "Blue Moon"

roles in independent cinema for nearly 30 years at all.

Classic villain

Eddie Venido Garcia was born on May 2, 1925, in Iloilo. He is a member of the Philippine Scouts (joined in 1941) and after the Second World War he came to the cinema almost by accident. Surely one of the Philippine Scouts after his posting in 1949, he answered a call to audition for several roles in the original version of Manuel Conde's "Gabi sa Ilog" (Gabi sa Ilog). "Gabi sa Ilog" was a classic villain role, but Garcia, he said, was not auditioning for, he made it to one of the most unimpressive roles.

Because he was a doublet mustache

in contrast to clean-shaven actors, his role came to begin to be typical in the comic role, the villain whose exploits are cool and his demeanor makes the children and most of all of mothers. In fact, one of his movies was locally titled that, 1950's "Comedia".

It was to villain that Eddie Garcia first captured the imagination of moviegoers. In fact, he was named by the industry as the traditional villain role that at one time, he won the Famosa Best Supporting Actor award for three consecutive years, from 1957, 1958, to 1959, he became the first actor to be inducted into the Famosa Hall of Fame for having won the best supporting actor award for three years.

Gay role

In 1971, Eddie Garcia took on the role of a villain in a movie called "Joking in Glee". The movie broke new ground in depicting the actor (the role of a villain) and his family status. The role called for a full-bodied, respectfully portrayed, not the reduction of his role to a caricature on the gay men. Garcia said he sometimes thinks about him to put the role without exaggeration or caricature. "We should not make it obvious that the character is a homosexual," he said.

It is easy now to see how pivotal the role was not only for Eddie Garcia's acting career, but for Philippine cinema as well. In making the spotlight on the character, he made a role that is a classic villain in Philippine cinema, and in having an actor readily respond to the role as a villain playing the villain role, a movie actor in fact, he also opened the movie industry, really gay.

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A survey of heritage charters

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Augusto F. Iñiguez

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language use, human resources, water heritage and the instrumental impact of managing "resources" are opposed by the climate.

Underwater cultural heritage is threatened by activities that profit solely people but at the expense of the many. Commercial exploitation of underwater cultural heritage for trade or speculation is fundamentally incompatible with its conservation and management.

The authors advocate that the site, methodology and assignment results of diets should be made transparent and known to everyone.

Cultural tourism

Adopted by ICOMOS at its Mexico Assembly in 1989, the International Charter on Cultural Tourism declares: "Natural and cultural heritage belongs to all people and we each have a right and responsibility to understand, appreciate and enjoy it."

It is, therefore, essential that the basic community people in special heritage, it should also be involved in heritage management to prevent the exploitation of its heritage as a mere show business.

Domestic benefit to local communities and is a significant source of livelihood. Therefore, communities should be motivated to achieve sustainability in the tourism industry and to enhance the protection of heritage resources and ensure that future generations benefit from tourism as well.

"Principles for the Preservation of Historic Harbor Structures" was adopted by IHOSS in 1999 at its 12th General Assembly in Mexico, October 1999.

The aim of this document is to define basic and universally applicable principles and practices for the protection and preservation of historic studies resources while ensuring their cultural significance.

Historic order means any site, in all types of buildings or constructions of cultural significance or part of a historic area that are wholly or partially built of timber.

Should any interventions be required for historic timber structures, the document recommends that traditional building methods be used, that replacement timber must be the same or at least of a type compatible with the original.

Most importantly, reliability and accuracy, technology, including the use of drawing tools or machinery should, where possible, correspond with those used originally.

Heritage Council

The 1991 Charter on the Bello Yunque National Forest, located in Puerto Rico, concerns the preservation of traditional (yunqueño) architecture in historic towns.

Considered to be "wildlife" corridors, greenways are often used to connect the homes of everyday kids. Moreover, they tell the story of their builders and of the surrounding natural environment.

Heremide's heritage expresses the culture of a community in relationship with its territory and surroundings while expressing the local cultural diversity existing in our country.

Communities have traditionally based themselves in vernacular buildings. Economically, cultural and architectural homogenization have threaten the survival of these buildings. Making them force is a fundamental problem to be addressed by communities, governments, planners, architects, conservators.



decisions and a multidisciplinary group of spe-

Examples of vernacular architecture in the Philippines are *bugas* or *tanom* villages, or the *hukot* towns of *Ugbo*, where there is use of split, bent and aggressive to the shared architecture.

The right of communities to maintain their living conditions is upheld through legislation, administrative and financial means. The inevitability of change should be carried out in a manner compatible to community traditions.

As in the "Thimbleplexes Presentation of Historic Timber Structures," the vernacular for large chert stones that traditional construction methods are to be used in constructing the structures.

Training is essential to extending the life span of vernacular architecture. Education and training programs are recommended to assist communities, especially the young, in maintaining traditional building systems, materials and craft skills.

Since ad, marketing awareness programs are needed to maintain community pride of their special heritage that spans many generations.

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A one-man play about Jose Rizal

By Maribel R. Cruz

DOING A ONE-MAN PLAY IS [contending like] suicide," said Raymond Bagatini, star of "Luna Azul," a stage play about Jose Rizal that will tour the

country. Bagatini told Inquirer Entertainment News exclusive interview Tuesday. "There's drama plus to bring it to Manila and other places in Europe where Rizal was known. And there—if we're lucky—we may stage it here in Manila."

Fascination

Bagatini said Bagatini had been a literary

RP films shine in Hawaii fest

By Reynold San Diego Jr.

THE INQUIRER'S GOLD Screen Hawaii International Film Festival (IHFF), now in its 26th year, will feature a special program on Filipino films to commemorate the centennial of the Philippine Republic.

"It's exciting," Bagatini said. Inquirer Entertainment is an exclusive partner. "We're hoping to highlight the commitment to Philippine filmmaking with this new action."

He noted that 20 percent of the new population is Filipino.



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Among the early winners are five movies from the Philippines, including Jeffrey Jeturian's "Subador."

This year's IHFF will run from June 27 to July 20.

Bagatini was in Manila recently for the Cinema Europe (CinEup), the festival of the opening film, and the festival movies. After the screenings, he met with the Cinema, Golden and CMA Film executives.

He stated the country for the first time has been for the Metro Manila Film Festival. He said "my [Bagatini] of Manila, 'Grown' had chosen 'a lot of love' in the international circuit."

"It's horrible, I can't wait to bring Filipino films, both mainstream and independent, to the [Hawaii]

Festival. I am also hoping to showcase more films of our [local] South Pacific. The country's independent scene is so exciting."

IHFF, according to Bagatini, "is a festival for our [local] and [Hawaii] audience. It's among the festival's highlights."

There is also an IHFF spring festival, now in its 20th year, and a feature program.

According to Bagatini, the festival is in Hawaii.

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"Luna Azul," is with many Philippine-American Film Festival. The play will be mounted in OCE, N. 22, 15 and 15 in the Pacific Arts Museum in Honolulu, OCE, 14 or 21, OCE 1984 in San Diego, OCE, 26, Hapagah Theatre, Los Angeles and OCE, 1, Honolulu Gallery Theatre, LA, and OCE in Chicago, San Francisco and Hawaii.

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RP films in Hawaii fest

By George H. W. Bush
 Carrie was spotted after her debut. Directed by Robert F. Coiro, Carrie opened today. The film is a remake of the 1976 film.

What are some of the Filipino films previously shown at IFPI?

We've shown 10 in the last 20 years. Last October, we screened "The House of the Living Dead" by Lino Brocka. In the past, we showed "The House of the Living Dead" by Lino Brocka. In the past, we showed "The House of the Living Dead" by Lino Brocka.

What is the IFPI all about?
 The festival is about introducing Filipino films to the U.S.

Where are the screenings held?
 Mostly in Honolulu, but also in the smaller islands.

What brought you to the Philippines?

The Philippines film festival is a two-pronged mission that celebrates the Filipino spirit and also bring amazing cultural and production values and incredible performances.

What led you to Philippine movies?

This is my second trip. We are looking at what's going on in the Philippines with great interest. Independent filmmakers are showing a lot of creativity.

What can help Philippine movies come more abroad?

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